REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to delete "nitrogenous organic compound" and insert "nitroguanidine" in its place, thereby presenting species B, which was non-elected in the Restriction/Election Requirement of December 17, 2001. Claim 3 has been cancelled, Claims 4, 9, 10 and 12 have had multiple dependencies removed. New Claim 13 has been added containing the limitations of original Claim 10, but dependent on Claim 7 alone. No new matter has been added into the amended claims or new claim.

This application is now ready for examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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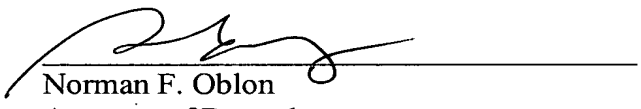

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